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Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP " 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNPAID " 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND " 9,210,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:
TOKIO, KOBÉ,
NAGASAKI, LONDON,
LYONS, NEW YORK,
SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,
BOMBAY, SHANGHAI,
TIENTSIN, NEWCHWANG,
PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
THE UNION OF LONDON AND
SMITHS BANK, LD.

HONGKONG BRANCH: INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.
Hongkong, 11th September, 1903. [21]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$16,000,000
STERLING RESERVE \$10,000,000
SILVER RESERVE \$10,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per Annum.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1904. [22]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [23]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital \$1,000,000
Paid up Capital \$324,374

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., J. Scott Harston, Esq.,
How Tung Shang, Esq., J. Laitis, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 1/2 %
Hongkong, 12th May, 1903. [18]

THE DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL Sh. Tael 5,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Hankow, Tientsin, Tsingtau (Kiautschow).

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Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.,
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY
DIREKTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. FIGGE,
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1903. [25]

TO LET.

O. 1, RIFON TERRACE in FLATS.

No. 4, RIFON TERRACE.

No. 15, WONG NEI CHONG ROAD, facing Race Course.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing Polo Ground.

OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE PIER).

GODOWN No. 34, BLUE BUILDINGS.

GODOWNS: PRAYA EAST.

No. 10, MACDONNELL ROAD.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [165]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1903. [26]

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK (AMERICAN BANK).

ESTABLISHED 1864.
PAID UP CAPITAL U.S. Gold \$2,000,000
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$5,180,000

Gold \$7,180,000.

Head Office—NEW YORK.

LONDON OFFICE:
33 and 35, Lombard Street, E.C.

F. C. Bishop, Manager, Eastern Department.

LONDON BANKERS:
PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG OFFICE:
4, DES VŒUX ROAD.

General Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Accounts at 2 1/2 per annum.

On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months 2 1/2 per annum.

" 6 " 3 1/2 "

" 12 " 4 1/2 "

E. F. GROS,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [20]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS, GOLD \$7,992,173.37—about \$1,640,000.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS AUTHORIZED GOLD \$10,000,000—£2,055,000.

HEAD OFFICE:
1, WALL STREET, NEW YORK.

LONDON OFFICE:
THREADNEEDLE HOUSE, E.C.

BRANCHES AT
SAN FRANCISCO, WASHINGTON,

MEXICO, MANILA, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE, YOKOHAMA, BOMBAY,

CALCUTTA

AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD

LONDON AND CONTINENTAL BANKERS:

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LIMITED,

UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LTD.,

CREDIT LYONNAIS, DRESSENER BANK,

COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, &c.

THE Corporation transacts every Description of Banking and Exchange Business, receives Money in Current Account and issues Fixed Deposit Receipts either in Gold or Silver at Rates which may be ascertained on Application.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
20, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL.

CHARLES R. SCOTT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [19]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Tael.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies:
CANTON, PENANG,
CHEFOO, SINGAPORE,
HANKOW, TIENTSIN,
PEKING.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
Advances made on approved securities.

Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

3 1/2 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.

4 1/2 " " " 6 " "

5 1/2 " " " 12 " "

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.
Hongkong, 12th August, 1903. [18]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £800,000

RESERVE FUND £725,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT AT THE RATE OF 2 PER CENT. PER ANNUM ON THE DAILY BALANCES.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

" 6 " 3 1/2 "

" 3 " 3 "

T. P. COCHRANE,
Manager.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [14]

TO LET.

"CROWNEST"—FULLY FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED. BARKER ROAD.

CHEAPEST HOUSES IN THE COLONY.

MORRISON HILL GAP ROAD. Nice Houses, 4 Rooms, Bath Rooms, Out-houses and Verandahs. Only \$40 inclusive of Taxes.

WILD DELL BUILDINGS, No. 147, WANCHAI ROAD. Comfortable and Airy Flats of 2 or 3 Rooms, from \$25 inclusive of Taxes. And others to suit various requirements.

S. A. SETH,
Land and Estate Broker,
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1904. [49]

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS.	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and BOMBAY (Calling at Penang if sufficient inducement offers)	PEKIN	4 P.M. 4th February.	Freight only.
YOKOHAMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE. (Passing through the Inland Sea).	BORNEO	About 7th February	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	MALTA	Noon, 13th February	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	BALLAARAT	About 14th February	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ABERDEEN via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	PALERMO	About 17th February	Freight only.

For Further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1904. [4]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; Also SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS. SAILING DATES

GERA WEDNESDAY, 17th February.

SEYDLITZ WEDNESDAY, 2nd March.

ROON WEDNESDAY, 16th March.

PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY, 30th March.

HAMBURG WEDNESDAY, 13th April.

PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY, 27th April.

OLDENBURG WEDNESDAY, 11th May.

THURSDAY, 25th May.

THURSDAY, 9th June.

THURSDAY, 23rd June.

THURSDAY, 7th July.

* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of February, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship "GERA," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain R. Dahl, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 15th instant, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 16th instant.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. [3]

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

THE FAVOURITE BRAND FOR TWENTY YEARS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. BOTTLE WHISKY.

AS SUPPLIED TO THE LEADING CLUBS AND HOTELS.

PRICE: Per Dozen \$17.00. Per Bottle \$1.50.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904. [38]

THOMAS' HOTEL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, most centrally situated; Well furnished and Airy Bedrooms. Monthly Boarders accommodated on very moderate terms.

For Particulars apply to THE MANAGER.

NOTICE TO THE WEARIED.

There is no nicer place to spend a few days in quiet rest, than MACAO.

And there is no more Comfortable Hotel in the Far East, than the MACAO HOTEL.

WM. FARMER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1903. [26]

Intimations.

Concentrated strength,

sustenance and energy—that's what Bovril is. Bovril represents a perfectly scientific combination of the stimulative and flavouring features of meat-extract with the nutritive properties of beef. Bovril is readily taken and easily digested and assimilated by even the most feeble constitution.



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THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA (MITSUI & Co.)

HEAD OFFICE: 1, SURUGA-CHO, TOKYO.
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HONGKONG BRANCH: PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET.

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Telegraphic Address: "MITSUI" (A.B.C. and A 1 Codes).

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armies and the State Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of the Famous Mitsu, Tagawa, Yamano and Ida Coal Mines; and SOLE AGENTS for Fujinotani, Hokoku, Hondo, Ichimura, Kanada, Mameda, Mannoura, Onoura, Otsuji, Sasahara, Tsubakuro, Yoshinotani, Yoshio, Yokokibara and other Coals. N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong C.

H. PRICE & CO.

WINE MERCHANTS,

12 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Picnic parties furnished with wines, etc., at a moment's notice.

Contracts made on special terms with Caterers, Committees, Messes and Captains of Steamers. All Wines, Spirits and Beers supplied are guaranteed.

Price list on application. TELEPHONE No. 135.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1903. [41]

KUPPER'S PILSENER BEERS.

THE LEADING BEER IN THE FAR EAST.



Telephone No. 75.

SOLE AGENTS:

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
15, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1904. [42]

INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for

DR. AUER VON WELSBACH Co., VIENNA,

THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES, The Price of which has been reduced to FIFTY CENTS per piece.

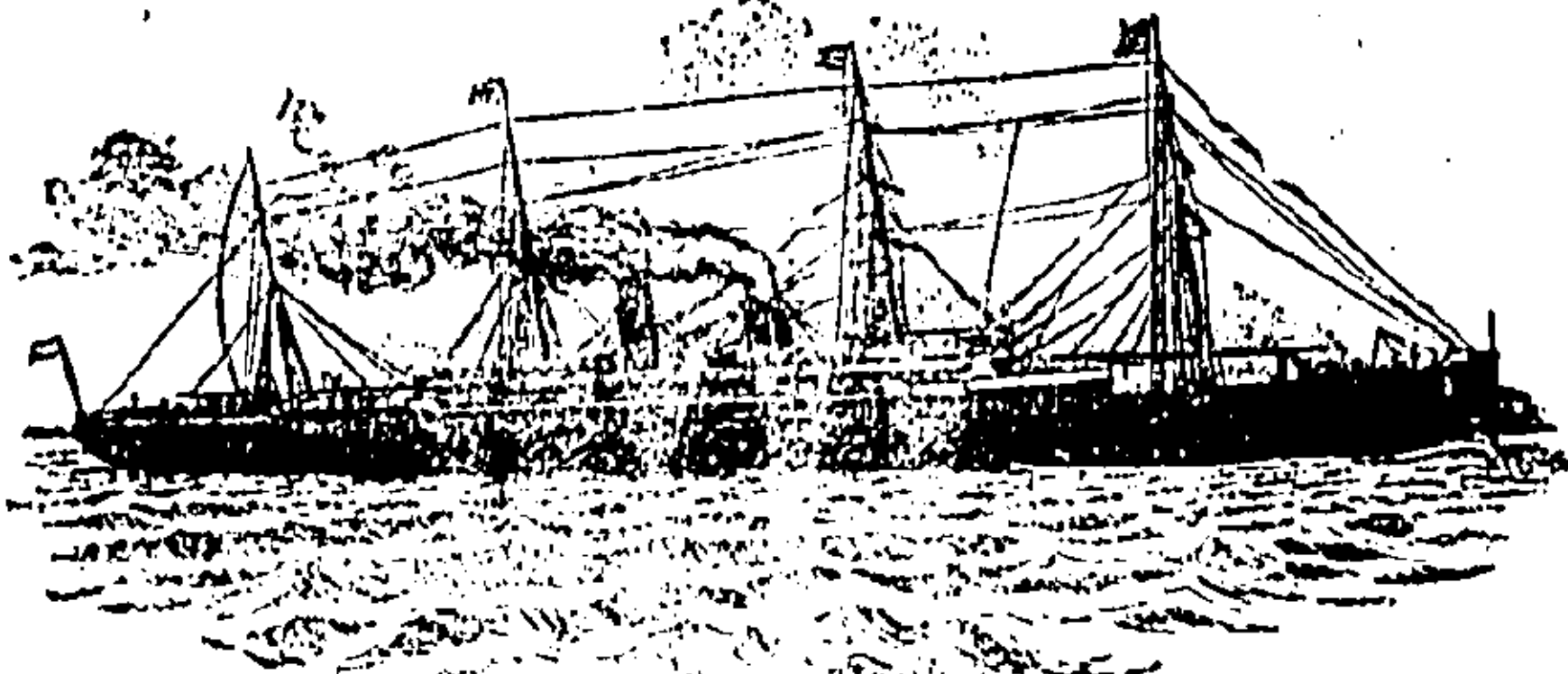
BEWARE OF INFERIOR IMITATIONS!

KRUSE & Co.,
CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

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Mails.

U.S. MAIL LINES.



PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.,
TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"SIBERIA"	11,284 Gross Tons.	SATURDAY, 13th February, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	4,352 "	TUESDAY, 23rd February, at Noon.
"KOREA"	11,276 "	THURSDAY, 10th March, at Noon.
"GAELIC"	4,205 "	SATURDAY, 19th March, at Noon.
"CHINA"	5,060 "	TUESDAY, 5th April, at Noon.
"DORIC"	4,784 "	THURSDAY, 14th April, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 11,276 tons, Oct. 18th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE P. M. Company's Steamship "SIBERIA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 13th February. Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines. Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are confined and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

FEATURES OF THIS LINE.

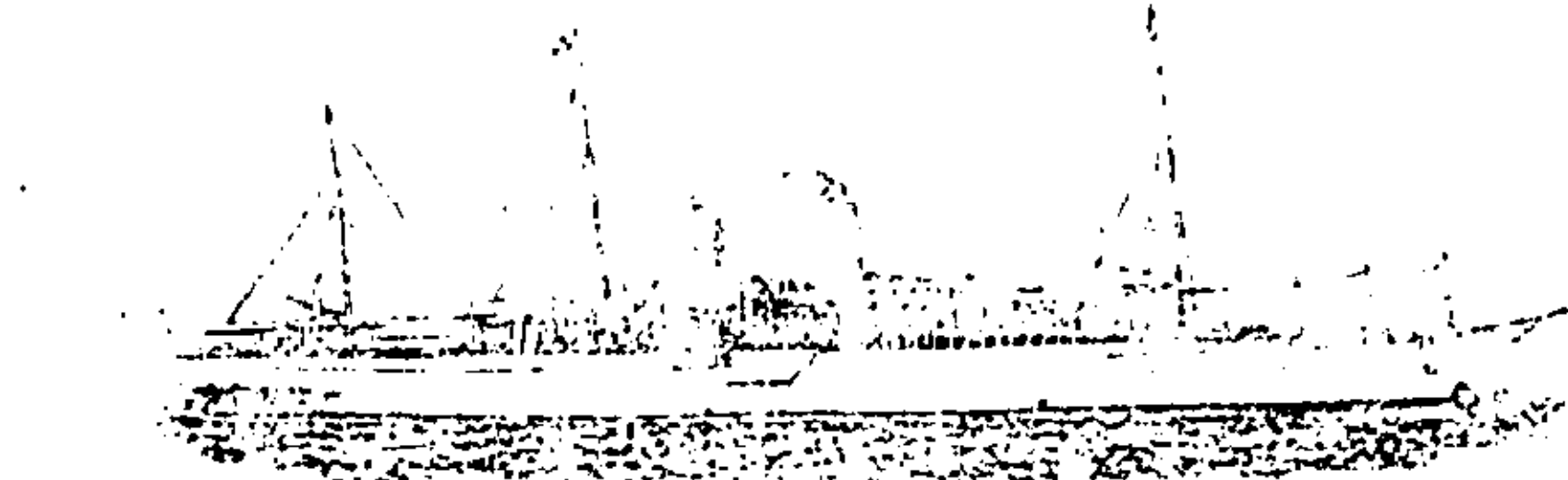
The largest and steadiest and fastest passenger ships on the Pacific. Southern Route; passengers enjoy out-doors throughout; deck bathing. The call at Honolulu, Oahu, the most fertile and beautiful island of the Pacific. The only line to San Francisco, the greatest port of the Pacific.

Sailings positively on schedule date.

For further information, as to Passages and Freight, apply to the Agents of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1904.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.
(SAILING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

SAVING 3 TO 7 DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.		
"EMPRESS" Twin Screw Steamships—5,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.	PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)	
R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 10th February.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 24th February.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 9th March.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 23rd March.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 6th April.

Hongkong to London, 1st Class, via St. Lawrence 100. Via New York 162. Hongkong to London, Intermediate on Steamers, and 1st Class Rail 40. 42.

THE magnificent Twin-screw "EMPRESS" Steamships pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, and make connection with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of Chinese and Japanese Governments.

For further information, Maps, Guides, Hand Books, Rates of Freight and Passage, apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
9, Pedder's Street.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
ALESIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	9th Feb. Freight.
Schnefeldt	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	
C. FERD. LAEISZ	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	27th Feb. Freight.
Sachs	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	
SITHONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	8th March. Freight.
Ildebrandt	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	
SAMBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	22nd March. Freight.
Schmidt	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	
ANDALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	5th April. Freight.
v. Döhren	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1904.

GO TO THE
KOWLOON HOTEL,
KOWLOON.

J. W. OSBORNE,
Proprietor and Manager.

Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND
WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAM"	2,393 tons	Captain H. D. Jones.
"PO-WAN"	2,338 "	G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
"FATSHAN"	2,260 "	A. W. Dixon.
"HANKOW"	3,073 "	C. V. Lloyd.
"KINSHAN"	2,860 "	J. J. Lusius.

Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at 8 A.M. (Sunday excepted) and at 5.30 P.M. and 9 P.M. (Saturday excepted).
Departures from CANTON to HONGKONG daily at 8 A.M., 2.30 P.M. and 5.30 P.M. (Sunday excepted).

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.
HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HEUNGSHAN"	1,998 tons	Captain W. E. Clarke.
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Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 2 P.M. and on Sundays at 12.30 P.M.
Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 A.M.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN" 2,119 tons | Captain T. Hamlin. |

This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K., C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM" 3,888 tons | Captain B. Branch. |

"NANNING" 3,699 " | C. Hutchart. |

"TAK HING" 3,618 " | R. D. Thomas. |

Departures from Canton and Wuchow about five times every week. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,

18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Hongkong Hotel

Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1904.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

HEAD AGENT: R. BISSCHOP,

3, DUNDRELL STREET,

HONGKONG.

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

Steamer.	From	Expected on or about	Will leave for	On or about
TJIPANAS ...	JAPAN.	First half of February	SPORE, JAVA PORTS and MACASSAR.	First half of February
TJILATJAP ...	JAVA PORTS via MACASSAR.	Do.	SHANGHAI and JAPAN.	Do.
TJIMAHI	Do.	Second half of February	Do.	Second half of February

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have Accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands India Ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to

THE AGENTS.

THE HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.

Telephone No. 201,
Hongkong, 13th January, 1904.

Intimations.

PORTRAITS, GROUPS, ENLARGING, AND
COPYING IN ALL SIZES.

AMATEUR WORK GIVEN SPECIAL
ATTENTION.

FULL LINE OF SUPPLIES
ALWAYS IN STOCK.

ORIENTAL.

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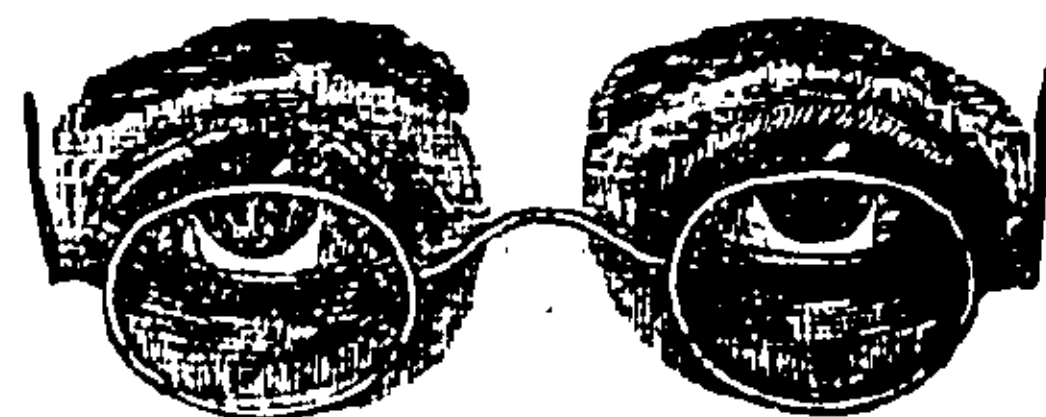
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Large and lofty Rooms Elegantly Furnished. Hydraulic Elevator.

Hot and Cold Water throughout. Special Rates for Tourists.

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Hongkong, 1st November, 1903.

Intimations.

THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.

No. 1 DOCK.

Length inside, 514 ft. Width of
entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft.
Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to
pump out, 4 hours.

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Length inside, 375 ft. Width of
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to pump out, 2 hours.

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Docking and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work, and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by Lloyd's surveyors).

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Telephone: Works, No. 508; General, No. 378.

Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 56.

For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

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THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will be held in the
COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Voeux Road,
Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 6th February,
1904, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving
Statement of Account and the Report of the
General Managers for the year ending 31st
December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and
electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, to SATURDAY, the 6th February, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904.

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HONGKONG AND KOWLOON STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON STEAM
LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held
at the OFFICE of Messrs. EWENS and
HARSTON, Solicitors, No. 36, Queen's Road
Central, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 11th
day of February, 1904, at 4 o'clock P.M., when
the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the
required majority it will be submitted for
confirmation as a Special Resolution to a
Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be
subsequently convened.—

RESOLUTION.
"That the Company be wound up voluntarily
under the provisions of the Companies'
Ordinances of Hongkong and that
Mr. TANG KWAI POK of Hongkong be
and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for
the purpose of such winding up."

Dated the 27th January, 1904.

NG LAU TONG,
Managing Director.

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY
HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation
will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, the 20th day of FEBRUARY,
at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Court of Directors together with
a Statement of Accounts to 31st December,
1903.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTER OF
SHARES of the Corporation
will be CLOSED from SATURDAY,
the 6th to the 20th day of FEBRUARY, (both
days inclusive), during which period no Transfer
of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date and until after the 25th
FEBRUARY next HORSES and/or
PONIES not entered for the FORTHCOMING
RACES will not be allowed on the RACE
or TRAINING COURSE between the hours of
6 and 8 A.M.

Members may exercise unentered Horses or
Ponies after 8 A.M. on the Training Course.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904.

LEVY HERMANOS.

DIAMOND MERCHANTS, JEWELLERS
AND WATCHMAKERS.

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Sole Agents for "OMEGA" WATCHES.
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guarantee given to every purchaser.

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Watson's Building.

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THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY
HALF-YEARLY MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be
held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18,
Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on
SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock
NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report
of the Directors, together with a Statement of
Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming
the Appointment of a Director and electing
Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd January to the 6th February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1904.

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HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company
will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of
the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central,
on WEDNESDAY, the 10th FEBRUARY, 1904,
at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors together with a Statement
of Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 13th
February, 1904, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1904.

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HONGKONG ICE CO., LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the
General Managers, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 P.M.
on WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, to receive
a Statement of the Company's Accounts to
31st December, 1903, and the Report of the
General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 10th
February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1904.

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HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the
Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings,
New Praya, on MONDAY, the 22nd February,
1904, at 12 o'clock No. n, for the purpose of
receiving the report of the Directors and the
Statement of Accounts to the 31st December,
1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd
February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS.

THE TENSION IN THE FAR EAST.

It really looks as if Russian diplomacy has so ordered its doings that Russia runs the risk of a war for which she is unprepared.

Though the surprises of maritime warfare are many, and the fighting qualities of the Russians beyond dispute, the balance of chances in the Far East inclines for the moment in favour of Japan at sea, and largely in her favour on land, presuming naval victory at the outset.

Although the number of Russian troops in East Asia is considerable, a large proportion is absorbed in the guard of frontiers, railways, and fortresses nor can the Trans-Siberian line be regarded as a sure channel for reinforcements once war breaks out.

The difficulties in the way of despatching ships or men by the ocean route will also prove insuperable if and when war is declared unless Russia at once asserts a naval predominance which she has no warrant to expect.

If this be so; if, as certainly is the case, the maritime frontiers of Russia on the Pacific are now blocked by ice for a considerable measure of their length; if Russia has no provision of docks at Port Arthur to enable her to make good the damage caused by a single naval engagement; then, for Russian diplomats to have led their country into this blind alley from which there is no exit save by a diplomatic or military *reculade* or by war proves them to be lamentably inferior to their reputation.

Time was, only a few months ago, when opinion in Japan was still divided and when the whole waited 'body of sentiment of the country was as yet unprepared to support the Government in resolute action. The latter was therefore compelled to proceed with the utmost caution, since the war, if it came, had to be national or nothing.

Other influences tended in the same direction. Japan had but recently made her bow on the world's stage and she had more critics than friends. Had she acted with a high hand and failed to preserve an almost excessive regard for the diplomatic *convenances*, a tempest of reprobation would have broken out in certain European capitals, and the echoes would hardly have failed to arouse misgivings in England, whose Government had just given Japan such a signal proof of confidence and goodwill by the conclusion, or, as Lord Cranborne would have said, by the grant, of a formal alliance, pledging, under certain contingencies, the military and naval resources of the Empire as a grant-in-aid to Japan.

Therefore, despite the growing and menacing accumulation of Russian military resources in East Asia by sea and land, Japan has tranquilly pursued its path, and the negotiations have preserved, and continue to maintain, an appearance of courtesy and of calm which but ill conceals the direct conflict of opposing interests which lies hid beneath the polished surface of traditional etiquette. Korea is the bone of contention. Is Korea to be recognised as within the sphere of influence of Japan, or is Russia to be allowed such diplomatic privileges in Korea and such military predominance on its threshold that it can overawe the State and, when the need arises, overwhelm its territory? There was bound to come a moment when a deadlock would ensue, and the moment has arrived. The moment synchronises with a notable change of public opinion in Japan, where the prevailing feeling has become singularly unanimous and is determined to maintain, by arms if need be, Japanese predominance in Korea, which is considered, rightly or wrongly, to be vital for Japanese interests and for the future welfare of its people.

Moreover, although Japanese naval opinion still believes that it may for the moment aspire to predominance at sea, it has given the Japanese Government a perfectly clear warning that if further Russian reinforcements are permitted to reach Port Arthur the naval situation will become radically altered for the worse, and that reasonable hope of a successful issue at sea will be at an end.

Although such opinion might not, under ordinary circumstances, be allowed to decide the question of peace or war, it is impossible not to perceive that it must operate with peculiar force at this moment, and that it can hardly fail to influence a people with whom the traditions of combative count for so much. There need not, however, be an immediate rupture. The interests of England and of other Powers are so deeply involved that unless Russia despatches further reinforcements to the East negotiations may drag on but there are limits to the demands which one Power may impose upon the patience of another, and these limits Russia has apparently already all but overstepped. The situation, from no matter what point of view we regard it, cannot but be considered extremely grave.

If the Government of this country and of Japan are well advised, they will not fail to publish without delay full details of the transactions of the past few months. Our Government has been kept duly informed of every step taken, and has thereby become an accessory before the fact to any action that ensues. Its support is no doubt useful to Japan, but that of the British public is indispensable, and the public is in no position to judge until it is in possession of the facts, of which the Government at present alone has cognisance.

We are, unfortunately, unaware what military alliances or conventions may not be sprung upon us when the first shot is fired. We have no reason to expect that Russia allowed the Anglo-Japanese Alliance to pass without a counter-assurance. We know that the Austro-German pact—the only convention save ours which has not shunned the light—becomes operative if one or other Power is attacked, and we have every reason to conclude that a similar clause has been inserted in any convention which Russia may have signed with other Powers. Therefore, if Japan is goaded into action, Powers now in the background may become automatically implicated and their action will compel ours.

It is a vicious circle, and in that circle we are hopelessly involved.

The situation is thus full of perils, and it behooves us to stand vigilantly on guard against surprises.

In conclusion, one may ask what has become of the Hague Tribunal, and why do not the rival Powers have recourse to those "friendly offices" which were rendered obligatory by an agreement which owed its inception to the present war? That this has not been done is the most ominous sign of all, since it was unfortunately stipulated at The Hague that matters concerning the "honour and vital interests" of disputants were not susceptible of treatment by an International Court.

Nevertheless, it is certain that war would be a great calamity, that it would probably bring no lasting benefit to either of the chief Powers concerned, and that it might conceivably involve England in greater national dangers than the war through which we have just passed. Under these circumstances no effort should be spared to induce the opposing nations to lower the point of their swords and to submit their quarrel to a Tribunal which has already nobly proved both its competence and impartiality, boycotted though it still is by the great majority of the forces of despotism and reaction.—*Westminster Gazette*.

Intimations.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on SATURDAY, the 6th February, commencing at 10 A.M. and finishing at 2 P.M., if the range is clear, from the East Customs Pass in the direction of Kowloon Peak (Nautau Kok) in a Westerly and North-Westerly direction. By Command,

A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [192]



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on FRIDAY, the 5th February, commencing at 10 A.M. and finishing at 3 P.M., if the range is clear, from the East Customs Pass (Gun Position by the old Customs Station) in the direction of Razor Hill in an East-North-East direction. By Command,

A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [191]

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Hongkong, 15th August, 1903. D

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EVERY KIND OF
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Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. [E]

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STOCK ON HAND OF
AHRLEICHART, a red Ahr Wine at \$18.50
GRACHER, Moselle, at \$16.50
LAUBENHEIMER, Hock, at \$15.00
All per Case of 24 Quarts.
Price Reductions for Larger Orders.
GROSSMANN & CO.,
Hongkong, 20th January, 1904. [154]

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM
OF
DENTISTRY.

DR. M. H. CHAUN,
27, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG,
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904. [58]

DENTISTRY.

SUI SANG,
(Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA),
DENTIST,
No. 24, Connaught Road Central
Hongkong, 9th February, 1903. [57]

TSU FAN
DENTIST.

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30, Queen's Road, Central.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [56]

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ICE-HOUSE ROAD.

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Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [15]

Intimations.

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W. STUART HARRISON,
A.M. INST. C.E.,
Manager
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1903. [61]

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY

TRADE THERAPION MARK

This successful and highly popular remedy, used in the
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THERAPION No. 1 is a
dormitive, often used day and night, removes all pain from
the urinary organs, effectually supersedes injections, the use
of which does irreparable harm by laying the foundation
of stricture and other serious diseases. In dysuria, pain
irritation of the lower bowels, cough, bronchitis, asthma, and
some of the more trying complaints of this kind, it will be
found astonishingly efficacious, affording prompt relief
where other well-tried remedies have been powerless.

THERAPION No. 2 purifies
the blood, cures pimples, spots, blotches, and all the
distressing consequences of early error, excess, and
indulgence in hot, unhealthy climates, &c. It possesses
restoring strength and vigor to the debilitated
system, and is sold by the principal Chemists and
Merchants throughout the world. Price in England 4s 6d
per bottle, six bottles of the three numbers if re-
quired, and observe above Trade Mark, which is a fac-
simile of word "THERAPION" as it appears on the British
Government Stamp (in white letters on a red ground)
affixed to every package by order of His Majesty's
Commissioners, and without which it is a forgery.

THERAPION No. 3 serves
chiefly to cure gonorrhoea, and all the
distressing consequences of early error, excess, and
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AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds
of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs
and Collars renewed on old ones.
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dren's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery,
Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiores will also be most grateful
for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made
into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools,
who are taught by the Sisters.
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1902.

SAVARESSE'S
SANDAL
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absolutely pure English Oil.
Full directions. All Chemists.
Inset on Savarasse's.

Intimations.

OWNERS OF HOUSES situated in the
Eastern Division of the City of Victoria
and in the Eastern Division of Kowloon are
hereby notified that under No. 5 of the Domestic
Cleanliness and Ventilation Bye-laws any
Domestic Building or part of such Building
which is occupied by members of more than one
family shall, unless specially exempted by the
Board, be LIMEWASHED and CLEANSED
throughout to the satisfaction of the Board
during the months of JANUARY and FEBRUARY.

The Sanitary Board being convinced of the
necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to stamp
out Plague, is determined to rigorously pro-
secute any owner in default after the 29th
FEBRUARY.

NOTE.—The Boundaries of the above Dis-
tricts have been ALTERED and are now as
follows:—

THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE
CITY IS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY
GRAHAM STREET AND ENOICOTT
STREET.

The Eastern Division of Kowloon is bounded
on the West by Robinson Road and a Straight
Line drawn from the North end thereof through
the Yumutai reservoir to the Northern boundary
of Kowloon.

By Order,

G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office,
4th January, 1904. [94]

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ROBINSON
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CABIN PIANOS

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GUARANTEED FOR CLIMATE.

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OF THE
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CASH or CREDIT

Hongkong, 6th January, 1904. [39]

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TOP FLOOR.

PORTRAITS, GROUPS and ENLAR-
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PRICE VERY MODERATE.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1903. [1]

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LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA ROOMS.

PRIVATE BAR

AND
BILLIARD ROOMS.

Hot and Cold Water throughout.

Electrically Lighted.

Electric Fans (if required).

Electric Passenger Elevator to each Floor.

Table D'Hotel at Separate Tables.

For Terms, &c., apply to the
MANAGER.
Hongkong, 13rd October, 1902. [91]

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
on
SATURDAY, the 6th February, 1904,
at 2.10 P.M.,
at their
SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road,
(Corner of Ice House Street),
A GREAT ASSORTMENT OF
OLD PEKIN CURIOS,
Comprising:—
OLD PORCELAIN VASES and INCENSE
BURNERS, SILK EMBROIDERIES,
PALACE and TEMPLE HANGINGS, OLD
MING BRONZES, MANDARIN COATS,
WALL PLATES, &c., &c.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. [203]

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1890. [52]

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TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE,
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Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [178]

TO LET.

TWO ROOMS suitable for OFFICE use,
Entrance from Ice House Street.

Apply to—
SECRETARY,
MASONIC HALL.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1904. [185]

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Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [193]

Consignees.

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FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
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Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
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the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex S.S. *Arcadia*.
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B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
9 A.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 6th February, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignees
and the Company's representative at an
appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here after which
they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, 31st January, 1904. [4]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"NIPPON MARU,"

are hereby notified that their Goods having
been transferred to the S.S. "SHAWMUT"
have reached this Port, and are at their
risk being discharged into Lighters and/or
landed into our Godowns Nos. 1 and 2, at
Kennedy Town, (Marine Lot 243), and delivery
may be had either taken from Lighters or from
our Godowns upon countersignature of Bills
of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 5th
February will be subject to rent.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or
before the 8th February or they will not be
recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. E. BURKE,
For Agent.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [1]

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SHAWMUT,"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-
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The above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading for countersignature
and to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents,
Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [13]

Mails.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, CALCUTTA,
BOMBAY, ADEN, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT,
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TELEPHONE, 232.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

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The Hongkong Telegraph
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3, 1904.

THE LULL EXPLAINED.
Readers of these columns will have seen from the telegraphic despatches received from our correspondent at Yokohama that, in Japanese circles, the assertions attributed to the London *Daily Graphic* were discredited in Japan. Reuter informed us on the 29th ultimo that the Russian reply would probably be despatched on the following Saturday, and the next wire brought the news that, according to the *Daily Graphic*, the reply was completed on Wednesday and approved of by the Tsar. The message added that the reply "is courteously worded, but absolutely refuses to re-instate the word 'China,' previously struck out of the clause in the draft treaty by which Russia and Japan agree to respect the integrity of China and Korea. It is anticipated that the official presentation of the reply will be followed by the withdrawal of the Minister from St. Petersburg, and a notification from Japan that she has no alternative but to take up arms in defence of her interests." Meanwhile, the delay is causing considerable indignation amongst the Japanese. In fact, we have it on the authority of our well-informed contemporary, the *Kobe Chronicle*, that resentment is begun to be felt at the inaction of the Government. According to that journal, in the opinion of many Japanese business men, the present deadlock has lasted too long, and is doing most serious harm to commercial and financial interests as well as to Japan's prestige. Despite the pacific news which continues to come forward from Europe, the Government organs assert that the Government has taken up a firm stand and intends to insist upon its demands to the full. The opinion of a certain high official is quoted by a Japanese contemporary on the question. This official is said to have ridiculed the statements implying that the situation would have a peaceful outcome, and asked what the telegraphic agencies which sent such news forward could know of the actual situation. The telegram to the effect that the Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg had had an audience with the Tsar, who showed himself to be most pacifically inclined, especially excited the scorn of this official. There was no foundation for it, he said. According to his view of the position, the Russian Government was divided into two parties. The Minister for Home Affairs (M. Plehve) and the Minister for the Navy were the leaders of the bellicose section, while the peace party was led by General Kuropatkin (Minister for War), M. Plehve (Minister for Finance), and Count Lambsdorff (Minister for Foreign Affairs). Some people believed that because the Tsar was in favour of peace, the Peace party was certain to be triumphant. This was a mistake. The Tsar desired peace because he was afraid of what the Nihilists might do in case of war. The Peace party desired peace merely because it was not to Russia's interest to fight at the present time. Even if Russia yielded for the moment, the peace would be only temporary, and with a view to gaining strength for aggression in future. It was therefore essential to strike a blow at present, for such a favourable opportunity could happen only once in ten centuries. If the Northern Power were now disabled, the result might be peace for a very long time. Commenting upon this statement, the *Osaka Asahi* regards it as so much bunkum. The peace news, says our Osaka contemporary, might have been contradicted by something stronger than the issue of War Ordinances, which are so much waste paper. For all this bold talk, it is declared, the situation really remains unchanged. Reverting, however, to the statement of the London daily, alluded at the commencement of this article, we find it stated in a Tokio despatch to the *Asahi*, that the expected reply from Russia will be the final one from that Government, since the Japanese Government have not modified their determination in the least. This is one reason why Russia hesitates to despatch the message. It is asserted that a good many difficulties have arisen amongst the most responsible officials in St. Petersburg and their views have not yet been brought into accord. The reply—if a reply is really coming—will not be sent within two or three days from

Russia, says that paper. The cause of this delay is explained more in detail in a Peking message of the 26th ult., which is printed in the Japanese vernacular Press. It is said to be due to the difference of opinion amongst the leading members of the Russian Government. The Military and Naval officers hold divergent views as to the steps to be taken in the event of war, and M. Plehve, Financial Minister, has refused to allot any money for Military expenditure. The Chinese Minister to St. Petersburg, also, has reported to the Government that the delay in the despatch of the Russian Reply to Japan is due to difference of opinion amongst two or three high officials. Since the above was in type the telegram from our Yokohama correspondent, printed in this issue, has been received. It may be surmised that the communication transmitted from the Government at St. Petersburg is another step towards the final stage for the presentation of the Reply to Japan.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
THE greatest possible activity still prevails at the Kiangnan Arsenal, several large guns having been tested.
THERE is great perturbation in Manchester manufacturing circles owing to the present phenomenal price of raw cotton.
THREE German officers are now touring through South-western China, and they hope to pass on through Tibet to India.
THE Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Commissioner of Weihaiwei, accompanied by Mrs. Lockhart, arrived in Shanghai on the 29th ult. by the C. N. S. *Shengting*.
THE Yorkshire, Canton Fire, and Hongkong Fire Insurance companies on Jan. 20th deposited yen 100,000 each with the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Japan, through the Kencho.
THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherlands Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Opium Guild \$125
Oil Guild 50
ACCORDING to the Spanish newspapers, a project is on foot for the marriage of King Alfonso to the daughter of his aunt, the Infanta Maria de la Paz. The Infanta is the wife of Prince Ludwig of Bavaria. Their daughter, Maria del Pilar, was born on March 13, 1891.
NEWS from Chemulpo dated the 24th ult. says that, according to the captain of the Japanese steamer *Sanjo Maru*, many Russian soldiers are deserting from Port Arthur, in view of which several Russian officers have been dispatched to Chefoo to intercept them.
THE cold is intense in Chemulpo. The petroleum used by the light-houses has been constantly freezing since the 23rd ult. and the Customs authorities are sending the steamer *Sakurai Maru* daily to the light-houses to warm the oil. The thermometer has registered 30° below zero.
THE picturesque appearance of the Russo-Chinese Bank ruins was preserved in tact up to yesterday morning, says the *P. & T. Times* of 23rd ult. The intense cold of Wednesday night and Thursday forenoon had converted the water drenched ruins into a veritable ice palace, every cave and ridge being heavily fringed with long thick icicles, and the trees close to the walls being thickly coated with frost. Curious effects were produced on Thursday by much of the ice and rum-coated debris still smoking.
A popular member of the Hongkong Press, Mr. W. H. Donald, sub-editor of the *China Mail*, left for Nagasaki this morning by the s.s. *Empire*. Our *conté* is going to the front, should hostilities break out, as special correspondent for the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, on the staff of which he was serving previous to his departure for this Colony. An Australian by birth, with the bush as a nursery, he should be the right man in the right place, and the good wishes of his fellow-journalists in Hongkong will accompany him.
THE *N. C. D. M.* states that the Kwangsi troubles, according to an official and soldiers interviewed, who had just returned from the S.W. Hunan-Kwangsi borders, is likely to continue indefinitely because of the guerrilla methods adopted. Hunan soldiers have not only been furnished by the thousands for Kwangsi, but now hundreds are being sent down river. Aside from 300 from Shansi by steamer, the writer saw a large number of big junks filled with soldiers en route to they said, Wuchang and Kiukiang. Possibly their destination is farther north.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.
PRIZE PRESENTATION.
Bishop Hoare presided at the distribution of prizes, which took place to-day, at St. Stephen's College. There were also present: Mr. E. M. F. H. May, Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby, the Revs. T. Wright, J. H. France, P. Jenkins, R. F. Gottschalk, W. J. Southam, James Creue, Messrs. J. Lewis Byrne, M.A., E. J. Barnett, M.A., A. Mackenzie, Dr. Ho Kai, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Fletcher and a number of ladies.
Mr. E. J. Barnett then read a lengthy report on the work of the College during the past year, and then explained that the prize had been awarded to Tso See Hon, whose average for the eleven subjects was 79.5. H. E. Mr. F. H. May having presented the prizes, he said:—My Lord Bishop, ladies and gentlemen,—one of the recommendations of the important commission that reported on education in 1902 was the inclusion of a high school for Chinese—that is to say, a school where instruction in the English language and western subjects for the sons of Chinese of the upper classes could be had. It is a source of great satisfaction to me, as representing the Government of this Colony, to see that, by private enterprise, this recommendation has found its fulfilment (applause). If for no other reason, you will understand that it leaves more money for the Government, with which to cater for educational interests in other directions (Applause). I was very pleased to see from the report that in this school the principle of instructing in English subjects in the English tongue has been adopted. That is a principle that we are trying to carry out in our Governmental schools. We have already done something in that direction, but we cannot do as much as we would like to, because when a large number of schools are concerned, you will understand that the method is expensive. But still I think there can be only one opinion that it is the right way to teach English and English subjects. After all it is the way that English people do when they want to learn Chinese or any tongue other than their own. An Englishman who learns Chinese from a Chinaman who knows not a single word of English, invariably, I think, makes far greater progress in the acquisition of the spoken language, than does a man who thinks it is better and easier to employ a Chinaman who knows English. Therefore I think the converse must hold good; I am sure it does hold good. There is one point that has struck me in the report just read, and it is that of all the many subjects enumerated as being taught in this school, English history is apparently missing. Now, I think that in every school where English is taught, some English history should also be taught. It is not right that every student of English in this Colony should learn something of the history of the race that has made the Colony, and that rules it (Applause). I do not know whether any of you noticed the other day in the Legislative Council that a vote was taken for a sum of money to provide for visual instruction. It is proposed that has been made by the Home authorities, and the object is to increase the interest in the Empire generally in the Colonies. The method of procedure that is proposed will be of the following nature:—We shall obtain from a large number of slides, illustrative of the seat of Government in England, the trade, the industry, the agriculture, and the social life of the mother country, and also some of the views of life, industry and commerce of those Colonies that contribute to the fund. I think you will learn with pleasure that Hongkong, as usual, is in the forefront with its contribution and I hope that before many months have passed to see this method of instruction introduced. Now I think you will agree with me that instruction by means of the magic lantern accompanied by lectures explaining the pictures which are exhibited could not be properly understood by boys who have not had some instruction in the history of the Empire. But apart from that I think that there could be no more edifying subject to study for boys of the Chinese race, especially boys belonging to the upper classes, than the history of the Empire, whose systematic good Government stands built up mainly by constitutional methods—the Empire of which it has been truly said that the sun never sets upon its territories—the Empire whose people are characterised by their undying devotion and loyalty to their sovereign. (Applause). And now I would like to notice one thing in the report that has given me personally a great deal of satisfaction. It is that in this school, to the scholars of the Chinese race at any rate, who are not Christians, instruction is given in the Holy Scripture. You know that we, Westerners, although we are not Confucians, are not so foolish as not to inform ourselves of the writings of that great scholar. Many valuable truths are inculcated in those writings, and I venture to think that Chinese, although they have no intention of becoming Christians, will receive great benefit from the study of the great Truth that forms the subject of the Holy Writ. In wishing you boys a very pleasant holiday after your year's work may I impress upon you what Mr. Barnett has urged you to do in his report. I mean your want of regular attendance. More than twenty years ago one of my greatest friends was a professor in the College at Peking for teaching western knowledge to the inhabitants of that city, and in several conversations with him he deplored the great difficulty that he found in getting his pupils to regularly attend his classes. So you see the fault is an old one, and it exists in this school here to-day. I hope you boys will show your compatriots in the northern capital that it is to the interest of every scholar to attend his classes with regularity (Applause).
After His Excellency had been thanked for his presence at the school, and also for the able speech he had made, Mr. Barnett explained with reference to His Excellency's remarks regarding English History being missing from the school's curriculum that he found that most of the boys showed a lamentable lack of knowledge of their own country's history and that he decided to give them six months' tuition in their own country's history, before giving them a course of English history. However, they were well posted regarding the outposts of the Empire and could answer almost any question relating to most of the colonies. The subject was not altogether overlooked.
With cheers for His Excellency, the Headmaster, and the Bishop the pleasant function was concluded.

A. D. C. OF H.M.S. "VENGEANCE."
AT THE CITY HALL.
The Amateur Dramatic Company of the *Vengeance* gave a most enjoyable entertainment at the Theatre Royal yesterday evening, the proceeds of which will be devoted to local charities. The programme was a varied and good one, all the performers throwing themselves heart and soul into their rôles and also making a very creditable show in the musical and choral part of the entertainment. The house was well filled and the numerous spectators were loud in their unstinted applause of the troupe. A special mention should be made of A. Miller, P.O. in his wonderful *seance* of up-to-date hypnotism. His knowledge of the art is a very comprehensive one, and his number was, in itself, worthy of a visit to the City Hall last night. The following is the programme of the evening:—
Part I.—Overture, "The Liberty Bell"; comic song, "The Entry," J. Grady, A.B.; sentimental song, "Perhaps you've seen the Pictures," W. Talbot, L.S.; comic song, "Mulligan's Motor Car," J. Price, A.B.; comic song, "The Scientific Man," T. Wilson, A.B.; serio-comic, "Rose of Persia," W. McHale, A.B.; descriptive song, "The Runaway Mounted Foot," W. Storey, A.B.; character song, "Success to the Old Brigade," J. Green, A.B.; hypnotism up-to-date, A. Miller, P.O.
Part II.—Comic song, "The Laughing Cuckoo," W. Storey, A.B.; tableau, "Britannia's troupe," patriotic song, "John Bull's Letter Bag," A. Miller, P.O.; dance, "Hornpipe Display," J. Hatton, B.A. and O. Leary, Q.S.; song and patter, "The Two Maces," J. Grady, A.B. and Fog, R.M.A.; comic song, "Farmer Giles," J. Beagley; comic song, "Ch! isn't it singular," J. Price, A.B.
Part III.—Sketch, "Billy Doo," Scene: Village of Mudborn. Mr. Spruce, "An Inseparable Old Gentleman," A. Miller, P.O.; Billy Doo, "Bill Poster," J. Towse, R.M.A.; Bill Wiggins, "Rival Bill Poster," W. Sutton, A.B.; Richard Spooner, "Grocer's Shopman," J. Grady, A.B.; Seraphina, "Seeking a lover through the matrimonial agency," W. Spooner, A.B.
By kind permission of Captain L. Lie C. Stuart, C.V.O., M.V.O., R.N., and the officers of H.M.S. *Vengeance*, the full band of that battleship, under the direction of Signor Carlo Guidotti, performed during the evening.
A DISPUTED WILL.
At the Supreme Court this morning, the Chief Justice heard an application of Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Ewens and Harston) on behalf of Ho Kam, alias Ho Nai Kam, to have the letters of administration with the will attached of the pretended will of Ho Lin Sing, deceased, dated July 12, 1903, revoked, and the will declared null and void. Counsel also asked to have letters of administration of deceased estate granted to him. The letters of administration were granted to plaintiff's brother, Ho Nai Cheong, who did not attend the Court. The Chief Justice gave judgment in favour of the plaintiff and remarked that the whole trouble was caused by plaintiff neglecting to take out the necessary letters of administration at the time of his father's death.
A BIG DEBT.
Judgment for \$4,189 and costs was given by the Chief Justice this morning in favour of the Kin Tai Loong firm who sued Han Sui Shang and Leung Yauk in respect of the balance of an account rendered for goods sold and delivered Mr. M. W. Slade (instructed by Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) appeared for plaintiffs and defendants were not present, they having left the colony and their property having been seized and sold by order of the Court.
CANTON NOTES.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, 2nd February.
THE UNREST IN CANTON.
Changes come suddenly. A few days ago there was no unusual circumstance to indicate that there might be trouble. Then followed the placards threatening Shanghai, and course, these placards mean very little and are not to be taken as the will of a large body of malcontents. They are much more likely to be the work of some fellow who has done this as a joke. At the same time there was, yesterday, and is to-day, a good deal of bad talk on the streets. Small sheets have been printed and sold on the streets urging the people to be ready for an uprising. The Viceroy has organized search parties to search the city for the hiding places of idlers and he had also increased the guards and the gates are closed early. It is evident that those who have caused this trouble are either very ignorant or merely intend to cause the officials some anxiety. It must be known to them that to give the open warning that has been given will defeat their ends. They have given the Viceroy time to prepare for the trouble, and any uprising would now be very difficult.
THE CLOSING OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS.
Yesterday the thirty-ninth year of the John Kerr Medical School for Men and the Twenty-fifth for Women was brought to a close. The closing exercises were held in the first Presbyterian Church in the Western part of the city. Four young men and four young women received diplomas. Since the death of Dr. Kerr, the elder of the College has been carried on by Dr. Eldon. The women's department has been under the direction of Dr. Fulton for some years. Lately the fine buildings were built at the west end of the city and the work for women carried on there. At the closing exercises yesterday the large church was filled and deep interest taken in the proceedings. Dr. Niles has had charge of the work during the past year. Dr. Fulton is on furlough in the United States. During her absence, Dr. Fulton has not been idle. She has secured from a friend a sum of money sufficient to build and equip a hospital for children.
FIRE.
Another large fire occurred on Sunday night. The fire burned upwards of twenty houses and shops near seventeenth street. During the last few years this section has been burned several times. A number of fire-cracker shops in the street always cause the trouble.
JAPANESE SCHOOL.
The members of a Japanese Society have established a school in the city of Kau Kong, in the Nam Hoi district. The entry at first opposed the opening but an appeal was made to the Viceroy and as a result several ancestral halls have been handed over for school purposes. I have not been able to ascertain the nature of the instruction given.

E L E G R A M S.
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.
THE CRISIS.
WAR TAXES
STRONGLY OPPOSED.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
YOKOHAMA, 3rd February, 8.10 p.m.
In continuation of my telegram of the 28th ultimo, stating that it was proposed to raise a hundred million yen on the land, income and sugar taxes, the Cabinet has now decided, in consequence of the opposition manifested, to suspend the promulgation of this scheme, submitted by Baron Arisuke Sono, Minister of Finance.
This new plan of taxation will be introduced on the opening of the Diet at the end of March next.
RUSSIA WIRES ROSEN.
JAPAN NOTIFIED.
Baron Rosen the Russian Minister at Tokio, received a lengthy telegram yesterday from his Government, and immediately communicated the contents to Baron Komura, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs.
HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.
THE NEW PAVILION.
Following are the recommendations of the sub-committee appointed for considering the question of a new pavilion for the Hongkong Cricket Club:—
1. That it is desirable and necessary to erect a new pavilion.
2. That such new pavilion should be a one-storied building.
3. That the cost of such pavilion do not exceed in the whole \$20,000.
4. That the club put itself in a position to pay 25 per cent. of the cost of the new pavilion in cash at the end of 1904 and raise sufficient money to pay the balance of the cost and give the club, in addition, what the committee may consider a suitable working balance, by the issue of 6 per cent. debentures to be of the face value of \$50 each, repayable in ten years, drawings commencing on the 31st October, 1905.
5. That all subscriptions be raised 50 per cent. for the next ensuing year and thereafter, and they submit that the subscriptions will, not then be excessive. From the figures placed at the disposal of the sub-committee they consider this increase necessary to justify the proposed expenditure and ensure the successful issue of debentures.
The club had a balance of about \$1400 at the end of last season, but its present income does not appear to more than comfortably cover expenditure.
The average subscriptions, increased by 50 per cent., should produce additional revenue of \$1,400 per annum sufficient to provide for interest and yearly drawings of debentures.
6. We consider that if the above suggestions are carried out the debentures will be subscribed for. The sub-committee will take \$2,000 worth.
7. We recommend the revised plan sent in by Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs. They estimate the total cost at \$17,700 based on acceptance of King Tak Cheong's tender. It should be noted that this tender is probably only good for a few weeks.
8. If the committee approve of these recommendations, they should endeavour to get the debentures placed, and call an extraordinary general meeting of members as soon as possible.
SHIPPING AND MAILS.
MAILS DUE.
German (*Seydlitz*) 4th inst.
Australian (*Changsha*) 5th inst.
French (*Australien*) 6th inst.
Tacoma (*Tacoma*) 11th inst.
American (*Coptic*) 12th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 15th inst.
Indian (*Namsang*) 16th inst.
The Silk ex s.s. *Tramont* arrived at New York on 26th ult.
The N. P. S. Co.'s s.s. *Olympia* sailed from Kobe for Moji and this port on 2nd inst.
The Boston T. B. Co.'s s.s. *Lyra* sailed from Yokohama for Victoria and Tacoma on 1st inst.
The B. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Tramont* sailed from Victoria for Yokohama and the usual ports on 1st inst.
The Aparca Co.'s s.s. *Catherine Aparca* from Calcutta left Singapore for this port this morning.
The H. A. L.'s s.s. *Namberg* from Hamburg left Singapore for this port on 2nd inst., p.m., and may be expected here on 9th inst.
The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Althian* arrived at Nagasaki at 8.30 a.m. on 2nd inst., and leaves again at 4 p.m. same day, for Kobe where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on 4th inst.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The Situation in Macedonia.

LONDON, 1st February.
The Macedonian situation appears to be entering on a more acute phase and it is reported that the relations between Hilmi Pasha and the Assessors are the reverse of cordial.

The War Cloud.

It is reported that, in the event of a Russo-Japanese war, the command of the Russian land forces will be entrusted to General Kuropatkin.

A Japanese official in London, who is acquainted with all the details of the negotiations, in an interview with Reuters representative, said that Japan was determined to insist on a binding written assurance in reference to Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria. Japan might agree to modifications on other points but without this, no matter what other concessions were made, she would break off negotiations and peace was impossible.

LATER.

Anglo-Italian Relations.

An Anglo-Italian Arbitration Convention has been signed.

(Japanese Exchange.)

Russian Note to China.

Peking, 21st January.
The Russian Government have forwarded a note to the Chinese Government with reference to the statement that the latter had decided to adopt a neutral attitude in case of hostilities. Russia made the following proposals:—1. All foreign efforts in the employment of the Chinese Government to be dismissed. 2. The number of Chinese soldiers and the names of the places where they are stationed to be notified to the Russian authorities.

The Chinese Army.

Peking, 20th January.
An appropriation of two million taels has been made by the Treasury towards the expenditure relating to the organization of the new standing army. The enforcement of stamp duties proposed by the Ministry of War is now being considered by the Treasury authorities. It is expected that an annual revenue of 2,100,000 taels will accrue in Chihli province from this source alone.

The Situation in Korea.

Seoul, 22nd January.
It is reported that Ye Yung-yik ordered 10,000 rifles from France a few days ago.

Cheumipo, 22nd January.
Captain Murakami, Commander of the Japanese cruiser Chiyoda, invited the Commanders of the foreign warships in Cheumipo to the Ichijamari Restaurant this afternoon and entertained them to a Japanese dinner. Major General Jichi, who was recently appointed Military Attaché to the Japanese Legation in Seoul arrived here this afternoon. The warships in port were dressed to-day in honour of the coronation anniversary of King Edward VII.

Seoul, January 20th.
In reply to the Korean note, the French Minister has rejoined that France is simply following the example of the other Powers in the despatch of troops to Seoul, and that the trusts the cordial relations existing between the two countries will not be impaired thereby.

Seoul, January 20th.
The Emperor of Korea, being desirous to establish a Red Cross Society, has instructed Ye Yung-yik to investigate the matter. He proceeded to the palace yesterday evening and presented his Majesty with a copy of the statutes of the Japan Red Cross Society.

Germany's Colonial War.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

Berlin, January 21st.
The whole of German South-West Africa east of Karibbi is unsafe. Families are fleeing to Swakopmund. A relief force is on the way.

The marines ordered for service in German South-West Africa have departed from Wilhelmshaven, Colonel Durr delivering a powerful valedictory address.

Preparations to Relieve Windhuk.
Berlin, 21st January.
From the place of insurrection in German Southwest Africa the following reports arrive: The German gunboat *Habdt* has landed a part of her crew at Swakopmund. They have arrived at Karibbi. Ojimoingue is not exactly exposed to immediate danger. Omaha is besieged. The railway is destroyed, mostly by heavy rainfalls. The relief of Windhuk is now being prepared.

(Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

The Fire in Norway.

Berlin, 27th January.
In the Norwegian Southern the president thanked H.M. the Kaiser for the assistance which he and the great German shipping firms had rendered to the distressed people of Alesund. All Norwegian towns have hoisted flags to-day on the occasion of the Kaiser's birthday, in honour of his noble deed. King Oscar has sent to the Kaiser the first decoration of the Norwegian Order of the Lion, just created.

Russia's Reply to Japan.

BERLIN, 28th January.
It has only been notified to-day that the conference, presided over by the Tsar in St. Petersburg, will take place, for the purpose of drafting the reply to be given to Japan. All reports in regard to this answer are therefore apocryphal. The disposition of both the Tsar and Count Lamsdorff is entirely of a peaceful nature. Russia prefers, under all circumstances, a peaceful understanding with Japan rather than other policy in the Far East.

(Deutsche Japan-Post.)

Germany and the Congo.

Berlin, 25th January.
The King of the Belgians is paying a visit to Berlin. The visit, however, is only one of courtesy, and is not connected in any way with affairs on the Congo.

Germany does not intend to enter into any agreement with Belgium in antagonism to British policy regarding the Congo Free State.

(Japanese Exchange.)

Mobilisation of Siberian Troops.

LONDON, 25th January.
It is considered inevitable that Viceroy Alexieff's views will shortly prevail. It is declared that an order was issued last week for the mobilisation of the Russian troops in Siberia. A competent authority in St. Petersburg states that Russia will recognize the Manchurian question with China only, ignoring Japan.

Hesitation in St. Petersburg.

VIENNA, 25th January.
A St. Petersburg despatch states that Mr. Kurino, Japanese Minister to St. Petersburg, had a long interview with Count Lamsdorff on Saturday, the 23rd. Mr. Kurino was instructed by the Tokio Government to see the Russian Foreign Minister and endeavour to ascertain the Russian attitude with regard to the Japanese Note recently forwarded to Russia.

Reliable authorities here state that the Czar and the Foreign Minister earnestly desire prompt peaceful settlement of the situation, but that Viceroy Alexieff's attitude is not yet definitely known. The course to be taken by China and the powers is also uncertain, and thus the Russian Government are still wavering as to their final decision. It is, however, known in St. Petersburg that the Military preparation in the Far East, both on land and water, are incomplete and far from ready for active service. It is therefore thought that Russia will inevitably have to give in to Japan if the latter assumes a strong attitude.

English and American Feeling.

LONDON, January 25.
A leading article in the *Times* states that the necessity of Japan securing ample guarantees from Russia has been completely demonstrated. Stringent stipulations are indispensable. News from the United States shows that Americans equally recognise this necessity. Japan's firmness is everywhere highly praised.

Great Britain Dissatisfied.

LONDON, January 23rd.
Great Britain is not entirely satisfied with the note in which Russia repeats an obscure promise with regard to the future of Manchuria, and which was recently circulated among the Powers.

The object of Russia is believed to be to merely prolong the time.

Tientsin Expects War.

Tientsin, January 25th.
Financial circles here expect war between Japan and Russia and business is almost abandoned. It was reported this morning that 6,500 Russians had taken possession of Newchwang and hoisted the Russian flag over the public buildings. The leading business men deny the accuracy of the report; but the news has caused additional panic.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LD.

The report of the directors for the year ending the 31st December last, for presentation to the shareholders at the eighteenth ordinary annual general meeting of the company, to be held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., is as follows:—To the shareholders of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited.
Gentlemen,—The directors now beg to submit to you their report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903. The net profit for that period amounts to \$9,732.29. To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account \$12,117.97 \$108,850.26

And from this have to be deducted—
Remuneration to directors 5% commission on net profits \$4,836.61
Remuneration to General Managers 5% commission on net profit \$4,836.61 9,673.22

Leaving available for appropriation \$99,177.04

The directors recommend that a dividend of 90 cents or nine per cent. on the paid-up capital be paid to the shareholders, and the balance of \$9,177.04 be carried to new profit and loss account.

DIRECTORS.

Hon. C. S. Sharp having resigned, Mr. A. G. Wood was invited to fill the vacancy and accepted a seat on the Board. In accordance with rule 76 of the Articles of Association, Messrs. J. S. Van Buren, C. Ewins, H. W. Slade, A. G. Wood and Ho Tung retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Gaskell and W. Hutton Potts, who offer themselves for re-election.

HART HUCK, Chairman.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1904.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1903.

Liabilities.
Capital account 10,000 shares @ \$10.00 \$1,000,000.00
Insurance reserve fund 200,607.31
Fund for equalization of dividends 500,000.00
Unclaimed dividends 2,248.30
Sundry creditors 224,681.73
Profit and loss account—
Amount carried forward from 1902 \$12,117.97
For the year 1903 96,732.29 108,850.26

Assets.

Amount invested in property on mortgage \$969,996.96
Accounts receivable 445,440.65
Fire insurance premium unexpired 959.75
Office furniture 500.00
Cash in hand 51.94 \$1,586,387.60

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dr.
To General charges \$2,964.43
" Crown rent 2,733.11
" Fire insurance 5,046.04
" Repairs 1,868.60
" Allowance to General Managers to cover office rent and salaries of secretary and clerks 4,000.00
" Balance 108,850.26 \$125,462.44

Cr.

By Amount carried forward for 1902 \$12,117.97
" Rents 67,213.22
" Interest 28,267.34
" Commission 295.98
" Transfer fees 274.00
" Profit on sales of properties 17,993.93 \$125,462.44

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SONS,

General Managers.

J. LAURENCE COTT, P.

Secretary.

We have compared the above statement with the books, vouchers and securities of the company and have found the same to be correct.
W. H. GASKELL, Auditors.
W. HUTTON POTTS, Auditors.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1904.

THE HONGKONG ICE CO., LD.

Following is the 23rd annual report for presentation to shareholders at the meeting of the company to be held on 10th inst.:—
The general managers have pleasure in submitting a statement of the company's accounts for the year 1903.

Including \$3,632.06 brought forward from the previous year, and after deducting \$20,000 paid as an interim dividend of \$1 per share, the balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$100,844.57, which it is recommended should be appropriated as follows:—
A final dividend of \$12 per share, \$60,000.00
Provision for contingencies 35,000.00
To carry forward 5,844.57 \$100,844.57

J. D. MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1904.

Assets.

Property account \$108,000.00
Extension account 41,750.88
Invested in:—
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co's share 225.00
China Fire Insurance Co's share 85.00
Canton Insurance Office's share 120.00
Cash on hand 2,361

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on

current account 71,290.08

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on

deposit 20,000.00

Outstanding accounts 6,146.40

Accounts receivable 3,481

Ice in stock 180.00

Coal in stock 360.00

Fire insurance, unexpired premium 160.70

\$148,736.48

Liabilities.

Capital \$125,000.00

Accounts payable 11,765.48

Ammonia reserve account 1,126.43

Profit and loss account 100,844.57

\$148,736.48

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To salaries, wages, and general trade

expenses 41,987.66

" General Managers' commission 2,000.00

" Auditor's fee 150.00

Interim dividend of 16% paid on 28th July, 1903 20,000.00

" Balance 100,844.57

\$164,982.23

By Balance brought forward from last year 3,632.06

" Receipts for ice and cold storage 157,289.69

" Rents received (less Crown rent and taxes paid) 2,393.46

" Interest 1,055.02

" Transfer fees 12.00

\$164,982.23

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.

J. D. MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

I have examined the books, vouchers and securities of the company and certify that the above statements are in accordance therewith.

THO. ARNOLD, Auditor.

HONGKONG AND MANILA CARRYING TRADE.

Mr. Seth P. Mobley, chief of the consular and statistical division of the custom house, has prepared the following table showing the movement of foreign vessels entering the Port of Manila from and clearing for Hongkong with cargo during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1903.

Flag.	Vessels Entered	Tonnage	Vessels Cleared	Tonnage
American	12	7,218	6	21,029
Austrian	1	3,201	1	3,201
British	149	221,746	157	220,491
Belgian	1	1,027	1	1,027
French	1	1,027	1	1,027
German	1	1,027	1	1,027
Japanese	46	115,375	66	173,341
Norwegian	1	1,027	1	1,027
Total	207	346,431	217	376,158

A DISCREPANCY SHOWN.

It will be noticed that there is a considerable discrepancy between the number and tonnage of vessels "entered" and "cleared." This is accounted for by the fact that many vessels enter from other ports and clear for Hongkong, and that some vessels clear for Hongkong when the final destination is in fact some other country. This is true of the once-a-month trou h vessels of the Pacific Mail, which arrive from Nagasaki and clear for Hongkong, to remain here a few days for repairs before clearing for the United States; Japanese vessels also frequently arrive from Nagasaki and clear for Hongkong.

MOST ACCURATE DATA AVAILABLE.

The table affords the most accurate data available for estimating the tonnage of the carrying trade between Hongkong and Manila, as it excludes all vessels in ballast plying either way between Manila and Hongkong.

It will be noticed that in the carrying trade between Hongkong and Manila, Japanese vessels control more than one third the entire traffic, standing next in importance to British vessels.

It is likely that the withdrawal of Japanese vessels from commerce between the Philippines, Islands and Chinese and Japanese ports, in consequence of prospects of war between Russia and Japan, will have greater influence on trade than most people who have not given the subject special study would imagine.

WAR SCARE AFFECTS COMMERCE.

The total number of Japanese vessels entering the port of Manila during the year ending December 31st, 1903, from all ports, was 91 representing a tonnage of 235,333 tons. The number of Japanese vessels clearing from the port of Manila during the same period was 89, the aggregate tonnage being 230,708 tons.

The withdrawal of such a percentage of the carrying trade cannot fail to materially affect general commerce until other vessels are found to take the place of those withdrawn.—*Manila Times*.

TURF TOPICS.

Gallopings were restricted to the inside course to-day, and it proved fairly fast until rain commenced falling at about 7.30 a.m. Times were recorded as follows:—

Discord—1 mile—37, 1.13, 1.45, 2.23, 2.56.

Rocket—1 mile—36, 1.09, 1.41, 2.19, 2.56.

Rare Rose—1 mile—last 1/2, 37, 1.13, 1.47.

Northern Rose—1 mile—last 1/2, 37, 1.11, 1.44.

Starling—1 mile—last 1/2, 1.44, 2.16.

Rebel King—1 mile—last 1/2, 1.08.

Daybreak—1 mile—last mile, 32, 1.05, 1.41, 1.15.

Algerine—1 mile—last mile, 35, 1.11, 1.45, 2.17.

Protection—1 mile—35, 1.09, 1.44, 2.16.

Alarm and Sentry—1 mile—last 1/2, 35, 1.11, 1.45.

La France Rose—1 mile—35, 1.08, 1.41, 1.13, 2.46.

Culex—1 mile—44, 1.27, 2.04, 2.37.

Coronet Rose and Mignonette Rose—1 mile—37, last 1/2, 1.40.

Hurdin—last 1/2, 35, 1.10, 1.44.

Discosure—1 mile—34, 1.05.

Teetotum and Chiefclain—1 mile—32, 1.03, 1.38.

Aladdin and Regret—1 mile—joined by Clifton—1 mile—32, 1.06, 1.39, 2.13. Aladdin should be carefully watched and might prove a dangerous competitor.

Turbine (1st), Fair Trade (2nd) and Pink Rose (3rd)—1 mile—38, 1.13, 1.51, 2.24, 2.58.

Fiscal—1 mile—37, 1.11, 1.49, 2.25, 2.58.

Ben Roy—1 mile—32, 1.05.

Bunder—1 mile, last 1/2—34, 1.01, 1.43.

Total time 2.18.

Pomello and Mongoose—1 mile—(1), 1.09, 1.42.

Spero—1 mile—last 1/2, 33, 1.07, 1.42.

Combine—1 mile—38, 1.13, 1.51, 2.24, 2.59.

Sylph Rose—1 mile—34, 1.08, 1.43, 2.16.

Liberty Rose and Eclipse—1 mile—34, (1), 1.42, 2.19, 2.57.

Mountaineer—1 mile—2.18.

Dandy (Waler)—1 mile—2.37.

EARLY BIRD.

KOON HEW FREE SCHOOL.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The presentation of prizes at the Koon Hew Free School, Honnam Strand West, was performed last night by Mr. Lo Koon Ting. The yearly report of Mr. Chan Hewan showed that the school afforded instruction to 200 pupils. Five masters have been engaged and the school was opened for two hours each evening, the total expenses amounting to about \$3,000 a year. Since Mr. C. Kent had resigned the headmastership his place had been taken by Mr. Kwok Ying Kun, who is assisted by four other masters. Several boys who had studied there had now obtained good positions with mercantile firms. Mr. Kwong Wa Tai, M.A., conducted the examinations with the following results:—Class I—1, Tang Shing Cheung; 2, Sham Wai; 3, Chung Chu Ngan; Chung Sik Lun (English into Chinese); and Wong Kam Ying (Chinese into English). Class II—1, Mak Ping Fui; 2, Yan Kam Ching; 3, Lau King Ching. Class III—1, Lui Man Tan; 2, Chan Leung; 3, Lui Man Sui.

Class IV—1, Shi Yung Shang; 2, Lui Man Sit; 3, Wong Ying Tong. Class V—1, Lui Ping Chung; 2, Shi Shan Chi; 3, Lo Ping Sham. Class V.B—Chan Ki Shui; 2, Chang Ping Tong; 3, Cheung Wa Cho. The management thanked the following subscribers to the prize fund:—Captain W. Robinson, Captain L. H. Richards, Mr. J. R. Chapman, Captain and Mrs. E. J. Page, Captain R. Lincoln, Captain and Mrs. W. M. Mason, Mr. E. J. Moses, Captain W. H. Lunt, Captain J. Whitelaw, Mr. J. Weir, Captain J. A. Pratt, Captain A. A. Crawford, Mr. Jean Trevoux and Mr. A. Bunne.

NORTHERN NOTES.

ANOTHER LOAN.

From the *Kobe Herald* of 27th ult.:—
It is reported from Tokio this afternoon that the meeting of the Statesmen and the Ministry held at the Premier's official residence yesterday afternoon did not conclude until 8 o'clock in the evening. It is believed that it was decided to double the income and land taxes for a certain period, in order to raise funds for the military expenditure. It is further believed that the Government will entrust the Bank of Japan with the issue of a war loan in London. The total amount of the loan it is said, will be ¥100,000,000, and the rate of interest 5 per cent. per annum. The loan would be repayable in the course of five years.

RUSSIA SEEKS INTERVENTION.
A Tokio despatch to the *Mainichi* states that Russia is in a very awkward position and that she has attempted to settle the situation by inviting the intervention of some of the powers. She invited Germany, France, Great Britain and Italy to take action, but all attempts in this direction have ended in failure. Russia now pretends that she never invited any powers to intervene, and is seeking to continue the negotiations with Japan. A reliable report received in Tokio on Monday night states that Count Lamsdorff sought an interview with Mr. Kurino and declared that Russia desires a peaceful settlement of the difficulty. The Count explained the cause of the delay in the despatch of the Russian Reply and promised that it should soon be sent to Japan.

From the *Kobe Chronicle* (January 27):—

CABINET COUNCIL.

A Cabinet Council was held yesterday, commencing at 10 a.m., to consider the questions relating to the political situation. It lasted until late in the afternoon, when a conference was held, at which the Ministers for War, Navy, Foreign Affairs, and Finance met Marquis Ito and the other Elder-Statesmen. It is understood the question considered was of a very grave nature.

MUSTERING OF RUSSIAN TROOPS.

On the authority of investigations made by the Japanese authorities, it is stated that the principal force of the Russian troops in Manchuria is mustered at Port Arthur. Strong detachments, however, are stationed at Vladivostok, Harbin, Mukden, Liangyang, and Nicolish. The total Russian force in Manchuria is now believed to reach 200,000, and reinforcements are continually arriving by rail.

ALIBED SPIES.

Two arrests of suspected spies have been made by the police at Hakodate and Yokosuka which suggest that the authorities are paying closer attention to Japanese than they appear to have been doing in the past, judging from the frequent accounts that have appeared in our columns of indignities suffered by suspected foreigners when travelling in remote parts of Japan.

It is reported that a Japanese who gave his name as Awa Katsumi was arrested at Hakodate on Monday as a man engaged in espionage in the interests of Russia. Last Friday another Japanese, Takahashi by name, was arrested within the strategic zone near Yokosuka and sent to the Yokohama Court for trial. It is said this man speaks French and Russian fluently, and has lived with a Russian officer for about ten years, and, moreover, has been watched as a suspected spy for some time. In the last of these arrests, unlike the case of suspected foreigners, there is some basis for the action of the police, who perhaps recognise now that a Japanese is much more likely to be the emissary of a foreign Government requiring espionage work in Japan than is a foreigner, who at the present time could not get far from any town without attracting the keen attention of the police. It is well known that Governments employ spies in any particular country natives rather than foreigners, as the former do not excite the same suspicion.

COMMERCIAL.

Shanghai advices of the 29th ult. report business done:—Shanghai Tugs at Tls. 43 "Pre" cash, and Tls. 53 for June "Ord." Indo-China at Tls. 52 cash, and Tls. 54 for April. Farnham Boys at Tls. 126 cash, Tls. 128 for March, and Tls. 129 for April. Matuschappijs at Tls. 29 1/2 cash, and Tls. 30 1/2 for March. Pulpas at Tls. 116.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T. 1/9 15/16

Shipping.

Arrivals.
Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,024, Pennefather, 2nd Feb.,
Cebu via Iloilo and Manila 30th Jan.,
Gen. - B. & S.
Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 997, Souche, 2nd Feb.,
Saigon 20th Jan., Rice and Flour-Rice-
Man Fat.
Sikh, Br. s.s., 1,216, Rowley, 2nd Feb., Amoy
1st Feb., Gen. - D. & Co., Ltd.
Hue, Fr. s.s., 701, Godinan, 2nd Feb.,
Haiphong and Kwong-chow-wan 1st Feb.,
Gen. - A. R. M.
Anping Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,053, Goto, 2nd Feb.,
Fochow via Amoy and Swatow 1st
Feb., Gen. - O. S. K.
Lennox, Br. s.s., 1,361, McNair, 2nd Feb.,
Rangoon 20th Jan., Rice, - D. & Co., Ltd.
Andree Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,020, Kohn, 3rd
Feb., Bangkok 26th Jan., Rice and Gen.
- B. & S.
Lyceum, Ger. s.s., 1,238, Lehmann, 3rd
Feb., Canton 2nd Jan., Gen. - S. & Co.
Siberia, Am. s.s., 1,284, Smith, 3rd Feb.,
San Francisco 7th Jan., and Shanghai 1st
Feb., Mail and Gen. - P. M. S. Co.
Thales, Br. s.s., 85, Robinson, 3rd Feb.,
Fochow 31st Jan., Amoy 1st Feb., and
Swatow 2nd Feb., Gen. - D. & Co.
Benledi, Br. s.s., 1,483, Clark, 3rd Feb.,
Moji 29th Jan., Coal, - G. L. & Co.
Choyang, Br. s.s., 1,424, Ronpe, 3rd Feb.,
Shanghai 30th Jan., and Swatow 2nd Feb.,
Gen. - J. M. & Co.
Germanica, Ger. s.s., 2,575, Behrmann, 1st
Feb., Kutchinotzu 29th Jan., Coal,
Order.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.
Illa Verde, for Macao.
Pukh, for Bangkok.
Ying King, for Canton.
Lennox, for Kobe.
Chowfu, for Swatow.
Taiping, for Chinkiang.
Thea, for Kishu.
Pittman, for Swatow.
Triumph, for Swatow.
Sulberg, for Kobe.
Wingchui, for Macao.
Kumsang, for Singapore.
Kongnam, for Canton.

Departures.
Feb. 3.
Sachsen, for Europe.
Pittman, for Swatow.
Chowfu, for Swatow.
Hongkong, for Quong-chow-wan.
Kumsang, for Calcutta.
Chink, for Manila.
Empire, for Kobe.
Telegraph, for Saigon.
Hongkong, for Swatow.
Holstein, for Shanghai.

Per Rangoon, from Saigon - 101 Chinese.
Per Sikh, from Fochow - Mr. and Mrs. Os-
wald and family.
Per Kaifong, from Cebu - Messrs. C. Lopez,
J. Regis and H. G. Yok. From Iloilo - Mr. L.
Julian, and Mrs. Chin See. From Manila -
Messrs. W. S. Chiene, G. B. Howard, and 23
Chinese.
Per Choyang, from Shanghai, &c. - Mr. and
Mrs. Souza and family, Mr. Edwards, and 41
Chinese.
Per Thales, from Coast Ports - Miss Plumb,
Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie and child, Misses
Myers, McGregor, Rev. McGregor, Miss John-
son, Rev. and Mrs. Thompson, Miss Barnett,
Mr. Rugh, Capt. Barrow, Messrs. Hartwell,
Kun, and 34 Chinese.
Per Siberia, from San Francisco, &c. - Mr.
and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Boyd, W.
2 infants, Mr. J. Brien, Rev. and Mrs. F. W.
Davis and infant, Messrs. Asa Fisher, Roland
Gardner, Mrs. L. D. Miner, M. C. Messers,
J. M. Montaner, L. G. Reinburg, Rev. S. B.
Mr. Rossiter, Misses A. and F. Rossiter,
Mr. W. H. Taylor, Mr. H. H. Cook, Messrs.
C. G. Cook, A. E. Phillips, D. F. Stephan,
and servant, W. G. Pinie, Geo. C. Sellner,
E. W. Tilden, Senator and Mrs. Brown, Miss
Irene Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Trich, Dr.
Miss M. Mather, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hung,
and Mrs. William Daniel, Mr. C. N. Hung,
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. White, Mr. P. M. Berry,
Miss Carst, Miss Chas. M. Trayer, Mr. W. F.
Morris, Miss M. J. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. W.
A. Scoville, Mrs. F. W. Lamed, Mrs. W. A.
Pratt, H. K. Hemans, Messrs. I. Lind, Mrs. H.
Lynn, Mrs. Victor Blue and infant, Miss E.
Dezengrenel, Messrs. Byron Stevens, J. A. Mc-
Guffin, H. G. Herald, Miss Audrey, Mrs.
Sawyer, Messrs. I. D. Rockwood, C. P. Wirt,
Mrs. J. F. Tompkins, infant and servant, Mr.
and Mrs. J. H. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Scott,
Miss Elise Hink, Messrs. W. Lamont, W. L.
Farnham, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gray, Master
Gray and 2 servants, Messrs. L. G. Maitland,
William Goodwin, C. Davidson, and 376
Chinese.

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Seydlitz	Singapore	M. & Co.	Feb. 4
Aik Maru	Shanghai	N. Y. K.	Feb. 4
Changsha	San Darwin	H. & S.	Feb. 5
Borneo	Singapore	H. & O. Co.	Feb. 5
Capri	Singapore	C. & Co.	Feb. 5
Andalusia	Singapore	H. & A. L.	Feb. 5
Mogul	Singapore	D. & Co.	Feb. 5
Australien	Singapore	M. & Co.	Feb. 8
Tijlajap	Macassar	C. J. J. L.	Feb. 8
C. Apar	Singapore	D. S. & Co.	Feb. 9
Bamberg	Singapore	H. A. L.	Feb. 9
Tacoma	Victoria	N. P. Co.	Feb. 11
Coptic	San Francisco	P. & O. Co.	Feb. 12
Indrapura	Japan	P. & A. Co.	Feb. 12
Emp. of Japan	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	Feb. 15
Namsang	Calcutta	J. M. & Co.	Feb. 15

Shipping Reports.

Sir. Benledi from Moji - Strong N.W. wind,
N. of Lamocka.

Sir. Sikh from Amoy - Strong N.W. winds,
rough following sea.

Sir. Lennox from Rangoon - Experienced
heavy monsoon, high sea.

Sir. Andree Rickmers from Bangkok -
Strong monsoon with rain.

Sir. Thales from Fochow, etc. - Strong
N.E. monsoon and high sea, thence to port
moderate wind and sea, overcast weather, con-
tinuous rain.

Sir. Katfong from Manila - Left there at
7.45 p.m. on 30th ult., passed Cape Kapones at
3.40 a.m. on the 31st, experienced strong
E.N.E. wind, with high beam sea throughout.

Sir. Bourbon from Saigon - Very strong
monsoon after Paracels Reef, moderate at Pa-
darang and Varella with clear weather, stormy
weather, rain, fog, after Paracels, hard and
rough sea.

Sir. Choyang from Shanghai - Moderate
N.W. winds and overcast misty weather to
Heishan Island, thence to Swatow moderate to
fresh N.E. monsoon, high sea and dull over-
cast weather, thence to port light N.E. mon-
soon, overcast and light rain.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

Ellen Rickmers at Kowloon Dock.

Sungkiang " " "

Teingtau " " "

Lin Tan " " "

Perla " " "

Tartar " " "

Lydia " " "

H.L.G.M.S. Moewe " " "

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Ships Passed the Canal.

Outward - 29th December - Bengel, Mon-
mouthshire, Chinkua, Konigsberg, Gera, 2nd
January - Arctis, 6th January - Andalusia,
Volga, Indramayo, 9th January - Bamberg,
Borneo, 13th January - Indragudi, Seydlitz,
Siberia, (Aus.) Futue, Linan, Salford, 16th
January - Eidsvold, Inaba Maru, Australian,
Menzel, 20th January - Sambla, 23rd Janu-
ary - Eritria, Glenlogan, Aganemnon, 27th
January - Fochow, Ardantarg, Manila,
Room, 30th January - Wakasa Maru.

Homeward - 13th January - Kawachi Maru,
23rd January - Fromekus, Indragudi, 27th
January - Argonia, Bino Maru, Java, 30th
January - Katsushou, Glenary.

Arrivals at Home - 2nd January - Saxonia,
Tantalus, Freiburg, 6th January - Sydney,
Sado Maru, 9th January - Briskuel, Ning-
chow, Polyphenus, 13th January - Antenor,
Kardisart, Armand Heile, 16th January -
Prince Heinrich, 20th January - Glenahel,
Sorens, Hyson, Suzuka, 23rd January - Konig
Albert, 27th January - Formosa, 30th Janu-
ary - Achilles, Subzie, Alabur.

Vessels in Port.

STRAITERS.

Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, Muhle, 27th Jan.,
Sandakan 21st Jan., Gen. and Timber -
M. & Co.
Charles Hardouin, Fr. s.s., 876, Laurage, 15th
Jan., Nantes 15th Nov., and Singapore
3rd Jan., Ballast - M. M.
Chowtai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Texior, 30th Jan.,
Bangkok via Hochoi 21st Jan., Rice, - B.
& S.
Devawangse, Ger. s.s., 1,057, Kumpel, 31st
Jan., Bangkok 23rd Jan., Rice - B. & S.
Emma Luyken, Ger. s.s., 1,110, Martens, 1st
Feb., Moji 27th Jan., Coal - E. A. T. Co.
Empress of India, Br. s.s., 3,003, Marshall, 19th
Jan., Vancouver 28th Dec., and Shanghai
7th Jan., Mails and Gen. - C. P. R. Co.
Frithjof, Nor. s.s., 891, Haraldsen, 20th Jan.,
Kutchinotzu 14th Jan., Coal - S. W. & Co.
Kennecott, Br. s.s., 1,426, Wallace, 29th Jan.,
New York 26th Dec., and Singapore 18th
Jan., Kerosine - S. O. Co.
Liscum, Am. transport, 1,072, Healey, 16th
Jan., Manila 13th Jan., Ballast - U. S.
Govt.
Lydia, Ger. s.s., 1,772, Girstenbran, 1st Feb.,
Canton 31st Jan., Gen. - H. A. L.
Maristow, Br. s.s., 2,269, Brent, 28th Jan.,
Moji 22nd Jan., Coal - B. & Co.
Meeioo, Ch. s.s., 1,321, Whitlow, 2nd Feb.,
Canton 1st Feb., Gen. - C. M. S. Co.
Onsang, Br. s.s., 1,787, Davies, 29th Jan.,
Nagasaki 24th Jan., Coal - S. W. & Co.
Pak Lat, Ger. s.s., 1,018, Bandelin, 28th Jan.,
Bangkok 18th Jan., and Ang Hin 19th,
Rice and Wood - B. & S.
Petrarch, Ger. s.s., 1,252, Ahrens, 26th Jan.,
Moji 19th Jan., Coal - S. W. & Co.
Phra Chom Klao, Ger. s.s., 1,011, Reimers, 29th
Jan., Bangkok 18th Jan., and Ang Hin 21st,
Rice and Wood - B. & S.
Phra Chula Chom Klao, Ger. s.s., 1,012, Bohn,
30th Jan., Bangkok 22nd Jan., Rice and
Gen. - M. & Co.
Quarta, Ger. s.s., 1,146, Johannsen, 29th Dec.,
Mauritius 4th Dec., Sugar - S. W. & Co.
Riverdale, Br. s.s., 2,752, Hay, 25th Jan.,
New Zealand 18th Jan., and Australia
22nd, Coal - Admiralty.
Rosetta Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,403, Smith, 28th Jan.,
Manila 26th Jan., Gen. - T. K. K.
Rubi, Br. s.s., 1,611, Almond, 1st Feb.,
Manila 30th Jan., Hemp - S. T. & Co.
Sullberg, Ger. s.s., 781, Meyer, 28th Jan.,
Dalny 21st Jan., Gen. - H. A. L.
Sungkiang, Br. s.s., 1,021, Robinson, 1st Feb.,
Manila 29th Jan., Gen. - B. & S.
Tartar, Br. s.s., 4,415, Evans, 16th Dec.,
Vancouver 16th Nov., and Shanghai 13th
Dec., Gen. - C. P. R. Co.
Thea, Ger. s.s., 934, Oherlich, 29th Jan.,
Saigon 23rd Jan., Rice - Yuen Woo & Co.
Tsintau, Ger. s.s., 1,002, Koch, 1st Feb.,
Bangkok via Swatow 18th Jan., Rice and
Teakwood - B. & S.

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4th Feb., 9 A.M.

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Saigon - Per Petrarck, 4th Feb., 9 A.M.

Shanghai - Per Lyceum, 4th Feb., 2 P.M.
Shanghai - Per Alcega, 4th Feb., 3 P.M.

Swatow, Amoy and Fochow - Per Thales,
4th Feb., 5 P.M.

Canton - Per Fatshan, 4th Feb., 5 P.M.
Canton - Per Hankow, 5th Feb., 5 P.M.

Canton - Per Kinsan, 6th Feb., 7.30 A.M.
Canton - Per Fatshan, 6th Feb., 7.30 A.M.

Singapore and Sourabaya - Per Onsang, 6th
Feb., 8 A.M.

Manila - Per Rubi, 6th Feb., 9 A.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai - Per Kwangse, 6th
Feb., 3 P.M.

Canton - Per Hanam, 7th Feb., 9 A.M.
Amoy, Swatow, Straits and Rangoon - Per
Atoca, 8th Feb., 11 A.M.

Europe, &c. India, via Tuticorin - Per
Ernest Simons, 9th Feb., 11 A.M.

Yokohama and Kobe - Per Changsha, 9th
Feb., 3 P.M.

Yokohama, Kobe and Tsintau - Per Andalu-
sia, 10th Feb., 10 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,
Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. - Per Empress of
India, 10th Feb., 11 A.M.

Singapore, Penang and Bombay - Per Capri,
11th Feb., 11.30 A.M.

Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown,
Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and
Melbourne - Per Tsintau, 12th Feb., 3 P.M.

Manila - Per Zafra, 13th Feb., 9 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,
Honolulu and San Francisco - Per Siberia,
13th Feb., 11 A.M.

Manila - Per Loongang, 13th Feb., 3 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,
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THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg,
First Assistant of the Hongkong Obser-
vatory:-

On the 3rd at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has
fallen generally, particularly over Japan.

A depression coming from the continent has
reached NE. Japan this morning.

Pressure is highest over N. China.

Gradients are moderate with fresh monsoon in
the Formosa Channel and strong monsoon over
the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:- moderate NE. winds; dull, some
rain.

Feb. 3rd at 10 a.m. Feb. 2nd at 4 p.m.

Barometer 30.26 30.13

Temperature 62 64

Humidity 68 68

Rainfall - -

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

February 3rd, 1904, a.m.

Bar. Th. Hu. Wind W.

Viadovostok 7 a.m. - - - - -

Nemuro 7 a.m. 29.80 - - - - -

Idakudate 7 a.m. 29.85 - - - - -

Kochi 7 a.m. 30.06 - - - - -

Tokio 7 a.m. 30.07 - - - - -

Nagasaki 7 a.m. 30.11 - - - - -

Kagoshima 7 a.m. 30.15 - - - - -

Osaka 7 a.m. 30.24 - - - - -

Yokohama 7 a.m. 30.31 - - - - -

Manila 7 a.m. 30.13 - - - - -

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